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(YEAR C)

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Parish News

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DEATH—SHADOW ON LIFE'S DAY?

In this week's readings, we are once again confronted with human suffering and its meaning. We are all in it: it is part of our experience and I doubt if any of us need to be reminded of this. Like it or not, we all face pain sooner or later. It can be physical or psychological. Sometimes, the psychological hurt is harder to deal with.

In any event, one of the most universal pains is that surrounding death, which is what we find in the Sunday gospel of the raising of the widow's son at Nain. Like so many people in such situations, the widow is distressed because somebody she loves is now gone. This loss which death brings is very deep—in some ways it appears to be final—the end of a human life. He/she will not be around again.

As a priest, again and again, one comes across this kind of human grief. Because of its note of ultimacy, it can be very difficult to address. So often, I have felt so helpless when I wanted to be a source of encouragement. In many ways, perhaps all we can do is show our support for the person so that they can find some way to cope. Grieving can be painful but it seems that this is often what we have to endure.

One would of course wish one could do as Jesus did on the occasion at Nain but we can't. We are powerless in the face of one of the greatest of life's mysteries. Such situations tell me that we are faced with a mystery for which we need faith in the Lord. Nonetheless, that can be awfully dark before the light shines again. We believe that it is God who is in control—calls us to life and from life. We know not the day.

When such hard moments come, perhaps all we can fruitfully do is to try to pray and trust God's care for us. We need to be able to see them within a larger perspective where the Lord's power will

transform us and our situation and this is part of our faith in the Resurrection. At the same time, we do not understand what the resurrection is or how it can happen but that is not what needs to concern us. Let that in the hands of the Lord. If God brought us and our universe into being, that same God can be trusted to surprise us with life whose nature we cannot comprehend—what is eternity and what is eternal life?

Yes, we are truly in the realm of faith because in truth we know so little about where our dead friends and relatives now are. Of course, the Scriptures strive to tell us but in the end we are still left wondering. Hardly surprisingly, we are generally not in any great rush to die. It has too much of an unknown quality about it perhaps. We are usually happy to postpone it and modern medicine has done great work to enable us to do just that. Yet, even if we can manage to postpone it, we know that each of us will die. After all, we only live but a few seconds on earth's allotted day.

We live under the cloud of our mortality where there is no permanence—we are on a journey and as a philosopher said 'we never step into the same river more than once'—but, fortunately, because of our faith in the Lord's power, we need not despair. What may console us in our restlessness is that our final home is in God. That should be a source of great hope in any situation especially in the face of death. We believe that Christ has overcome death but how real is that victory for you? Does it enable you to live with greater peace?

Fr. Brendan Carmody SJ

4th/5th June 2016

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

- Sat 6.30pm** John Richard Cullen
(Eileen Cullen and family)
- Sun 9.00am** Keith Lewis RIP (Anne Sheridan)
- 11.00am** Intention of Donor
- 12.30pm** **Baptisms:** No baptisms this weekend
- 6.00pm** People of the Parish

TENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C)

6th - 11th June 2016

- Mon 6th 9.30am** **Feria**
John Burton (Catherine Burton)
Denis Pearce (Eileen Pearce & Family)
- Tues 7th 9.30am** **Feria**
Anne North & Family (Fraternity SFO)
- Wed 8th 9.30am** **Feria**
Michael and Mary Kelly
(Mary Jo and Colin Gray)
- Thurs 9th 9.30am** **Feria**
Welfare of Monica Tett
- Fri 10th 9.30am** **Feria**
Peter & Josie Joyce (Kathleen Kelleher)
- Sat 11th 9.00am** **Saint Barnabas, Apostle**
Holy Souls

11th/12th June 2016

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

- Sat 6.30pm** Maurice Felton
- Sun 9.00am** Holy Souls
- 11.00am** People of the Parish
- 12.30pm** **Baptisms:** No baptisms this weekend
- 6.00pm** Holy Souls

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION THIS WEEK
Saturdays 9.30-10.00am and 5.30 to 6.00pm

Please remember in your prayers all those who have died especially those whose anniversary falls at this time. We remember also all those who mourn the loss of loved ones.

Please remember and pray for the sick, the housebound and all who care for them, especially those within our own parish community:

Vanessa Andrew, Arthur Bailey, Christina Beyer, Jim Creighan, Martin Dray, Anthony Durkin, Jenny Elborough, Tony and Mavis Fisher, Geoff Grenade, Anne Groves, Thomas Haley, Jan Leightley, Roisin Loftus, Frances Powell, Simon Munnery, Pat Parker, Lewis Penn, Cecelia Russell, Rouben Sarkissian, Cerys Sullivan, Roman Szymanski, Chris Wade and Mrs Wallace.

REGULAR EVENTS IN THE PARISH

SVP meet fortnightly on Wednesdays at 7.30pm in RDJ Room. **Next meeting:** 8th June

To contact SVP please ring **07427922420**.

Junior SVP meets at 6.30pm.

Justice & Peace Group meet on the second Monday of each month at 7.45 in the RDJ Room, except July, August and December.

St Vincent de Paul Coffee/Tea in the Old Chapel
Every 3rd Sunday of every month after the 9am mass.

Afternoon Tea and Chat in the RDJ Room
2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month at 2pm.

Monthly Syro Malabar Mass is on the third Monday of each month at 5.30pm

Library: last Sunday of the month - after all masses (RDJ Room).

Union of Catholic Mothers meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month (except August) at 8pm in the RDJ room until further notice.

Knights of St Colomba every 3rd Monday at 8pm in RDJ Room.

Cafe: Every Wednesday after the morning mass in the RDJ room.

Next Sunday's Readings—11th Sunday of the Year

First Reading: 2 Samuel 12:7-10.13

Second Reading: Galatians 2:16. 19-21

Gospel Luke 7:36-8:3

Last Week's Collection: will be recorded next week
Thank you for your continued generosity.

Next Sunday there is a Second Collection for Catholic Trust for England (formerly the National Catholic Fund) which supports the legal, financial and charitable activities of the Bishops' Conference, its departments, agencies and offices. This collection helps supply the Bishops of England and Wales with the revenue necessary for the central administration of the Church in this country.

"Gift AID"

The envelopes for the next twelvemonths to enable tax to be recovered on your weekly donations to the Sunday collections are now available. If you have not already done so, please collect yours from the RDJ Room next to the Sacristy after Mass today.

If you have any questions on Gift Aid, please put a note in at the Presbytery addressed to the Gift Aid organiser, Allan

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June

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| Mon | 6th | 7.45pm | First Communion Parents Meeting |
| Tues | 7th | 8.00pm | Liturgy Meeting |
| Sat | 11th | 10.30am | First Communion Children Session |
| Mon | 13th | 7.00pm | Mass—Feast of St Anthony |
| Tues | 14th | 8.00pm | Parish Council Meeting |
| Sat | 18th / Sun | 19th | First Holy Communion Weekend |
| Mon | 20th | 7.30pm | First Communion Parents Meeting |
| Tues | 21st | 8.00pm | Parish Council AGM |
| Wed | 22nd | 7.00pm | Finance Committee Meeting |
| Sat | 25th | 10.30am | First Communion Get-together |
| Sun | 26th | 2.00pm | Baptism Get-together |

July

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| Sat | 2nd | | Parish Picnic |
| Tue | 12th | 8.00pm | Parish Council Meeting |

SACRAMENTS and LITURGY in the Parish

Baptisms in the Parish

Parents who want to have their children baptised are expected to follow the Baptism Preparation Sessions. These sessions are held on the First and Second Sunday of the month (except in the month of August) between 10.00am –11.00am in the parish hall.

Please speak to the priests first

and then register for the sessions as early as possible. Parents need to attend both sessions. Once they have completed the preparations, the parents can discuss the date of the baptism and collect the Baptism Registration Forms and the forms to be completed by the Parish Priest and the God Parents. No dates for baptism can be arranged until

both preparation sessions are completed.

First Holy Communion

Next Meetings

Parents: Monday 6th June at 7.45pm

Children: Sat. 11th June at 10.30am.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Congratulations

WE congratulate Rt. Rev. Paul Mason on his ordination as an Auxiliary Bishop of Southwark on Tuesday 31st May. Archbishop Peter Smith presided at the Episcopal Ordination at St. George's Cathedral.

REPOSITORY

'The time has come for me to handover the organising of our repository. We are a loyal band of ladies who keep the "shop" open every weekend after Masses. We now need someone to manage the stock and re-ordering. If anyone is interested please contact Canon Edward or myself. Pat Buchanan Tele: 8399 2300'

Study Day for New and Potential Catechists

The day will comprise 4 sessions including input and discussion on: The vocation of the catechist, First Holy Communion, Reconciliation, Confirmation, Baptism, the Liturgy, RCIA, prayer, safeguarding advice and practical guidance on working with adults and children.

Time and Venue: **Saturday 11 June**, 10am for 10.30am - 4.00pm at Catholic Formation, Tooting Bec Road, SW17 8BS. Cost: £10 includes a light lunch.

Parish Council

The PARISH COUNCIL AGM will be held in the Catholic Hall on Tuesday 21st June at 7.30pm. Reports will be made by The Chair, Parish Priest, Finance Committee, Maintenance Committee and Liturgy Committee. This is an opportunity for you to come along and hear what has been going on over the past 12 months, and also have an input into what is done / discussed over the coming 12 months.

Union of Catholic Mothers

Next Meeting is on Tuesday 7th June. Please meet at Langleys Ewell Road for our annual dinner at 7pm

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our recent Bring & Buy Sale in aid of Help The Heroes. We raised £74.00, and excellent result!

'Celebrate' Faith and Fun for all the Family

Celebrate Twickenham is on 18th/19th June (non residential) at St Mary's University, Twickenham TW1 4SX. Faith filled fun event with inspirational speakers and Celebration of the Liturgy. Information/booking www.celebrateconference.org/weekends/twickenham/

A Reasonable Faith -

Two Talks by Sebastian Morello
The Marriage of Faith and Reason—9 June
Atheism and the Death of Reason - 16 June
Amigo Hall, Lambeth Rd, SE1 6HR from 7.30 –8.30pm.

Martyrs' Walk - Sunday 26th June 2016

Meet 1.30pm at St Sepulchre's Churchyard (opposite the Old Bailey) to walk the Tyburn Way ending at Tyburn Convent for Confession, Benediction and reception.

Summer Youth Day at Aylesford Priory

26th June 2016. Open to school years 7-11. Please book in advance. £10 per person.

Because Your Marriage Is Worth It

Brightlights of Mercy

Brightlights is a Catholic Young Adults Festival open to 16-30 year olds, on 17th—19th June 2016 with speakers, musicians, rappers, drama and a hog roast. Its set to be a great weekend at Alton Castle.

For more information or to book, visit www.brightlights.org.uk or follow on twitter @blfestival
Coaches available from London.
Fiona Carter 07968105373

House of Prayer Events

35 Seymour Road, East Molesey, Surrey KT8 0PB
Contact: 020 8941 2313 or houseofprayer@hotmail.co.uk
Cost of each: £20. Please bring a packed lunch.

Movements in the Soul Towards Union

Led by Julienne McLean, Sr Melanie Kingston and Judy Barber. Saturday, 18th June: 10.30am-4.00pm
A day of teaching, creative reading and silence with writings from the Spanish mystic, St Teresa of Avila.

Moving into the Disposition of the 'Principle and Foundation':

Opening ourselves up to freedom and joy
Led by Sr Kate Stogdon. Saturday, 25th June: 10am—4pm. This day takes its inspiration from a key text in the 'Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola': the Principle and Foundation. Participants will be invited to reflect on the gift of creative movement and how it helps to nurture the life of the spirit—through input, sharing and personal reflection.

Poetry Workshop: Light Within

Led by Helen Overell on Saturday, 2nd July: 10am—4pm
The creative space provides a touchstone for ideas and an opportunity to put words down on the page both individual and collaborative with opportunities for sharing with the group. The emphasis is on constructive feedback together with encouragement and support so as to allow the beginnings of poems to emerge.

Spend a day celebrating your marriage and giving it an MoT, on June 25th at St William of York church hall, Forest Hill, London SE23 from 9.45am till 4.30pm.
Booking essential: email marriage2014@virginmedia.com or phone 020 8651 2477.

People with Disability at the Heart of the Church

'Celebrating who I am, unique and beautifully designed'
Sunday 3rd July 2016 12 noon—4pm at The Friars, Aylesford ME20 7BX. Contact: CCF 020 8672 7684

Volunteers Needed at The Passage

The Passage are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help in the kitchen during breakfast and lunch services for homeless people. Duties will include serving food and drink, helping to prepare food, tidying and washing up. We are looking for a regular weekly commitment. If you are interested email volunteering@passage.org.uk or ring 0207 592 1863. Full details for these and other roles are on the website www.passage.org.uk/volunteering.

Pilgrimages /Retreats

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in the Year of Mercy - 19th-26th August. This year the pilgrimage will be led by Archbishop Peter Smith. Bookings are now being accepted. Please speak to Fr Edward, Diocesan Director of Pilgrimages for booking forms. It would be great to have a group from the parish in this Year of Mercy.

National Pilgrimage to Fatima 2016

7th-14th July. £639 includes flights, half board, taxes and coach tours. See poster for details.

Schools

St Philomena's Catholic High School for Girls—Open Evening

For Prospective Year 7 entrants September 2017
Tuesday 5th July 2016 from 3.30pm—8.00pm
Headteacher's address: 4.30pm, 5.30pm and 6.30pm
Tours of the school available throughout the evening.
See poster for more details.

St Philomena's Catholic High School for Girls - Vacancy for Teacher of Religious Education (Maternity Cover— One Year Temporary)

Required for May or September 2016
Please see notice board for further details.
Details and application form from website www.stphils.org.uk or email recruitment@stphils.org.uk

Laleham Lea School—Vacancy

School Business Manager. This is full-time post for our independent Catholic school in Purley. It is a varied role requiring skills in tact and diplomacy together with considerable patience and tolerance and will suit someone with existing financial and management skills. For further information please see church notice board or contact Lisa de Barra—secretary@lalehamlea.co.uk, 0208 668 8779